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1. The Hammer and Sickle Threshing Machine Plant was on the southeastern outskirts of Kharkov, Ukrainian S.S.R., north of an arterial road going to the southeast and northwest of a railroad line. (1) Two new buildings of iron construction and two loading ramps were built during the summer of 1949. The other buildings were brick with an iron framework. Of the plant's machinery, 80 percent was German, 5 percent was Soviet and 15 percent came from other countries. The plant had a railroad connection and was supplied with electricity by a source in the city. (2)
2. [redacted], according to Soviets, the daily output of 60 threshing machines was decreased to 20 machines after the withdrawal of the PWs in September 1949. Unconfirmed camp rumors indicated that the plant also produced shells. 25X
3. [redacted] the plant produced threshing machines of type M 1000 until the end of 1948, when the production of the modern type M 1000 was started. With one exception the scheduled output of 60 machines per day was not met but was missed by five pieces. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] because of the lack of specialists the daily output dropped to 18 or 20 machines after the withdrawal of PW's in July 1949. (3) 25X1
The carpentry ^{shop} produced 80 to 100 ammunition boxes per day. The 150 x 35 x 35-cm boxes had felt-lined supports for 20 cm shells. The completed boxes were shipped to workshop No 3 each night. This department and its vicinity were blocked off by civilian plant police during the nightly filling and loading processes, and only Soviets with special identity cards worked here. Flat shell supports at the ends of the boxes indicated that they were designed for ammunition without fuzes. (4)
4. The plant's work force was given [redacted] as more than 1,000 Soviets and 500 PW's in each of the three shifts, [redacted] the plant's total work force was 4,000 civilians, half women, and 1,500 to 2,000 PW's. 25X1

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- (1) The plant location has been established as being just northwest of the railroad bridge over the Kharkov-Rogan road. [REDACTED] the plant was reconstructed on its former site.

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- (2) [REDACTED]
- (3) It seems noteworthy that the output of the plant decreased after the withdrawal of German PWs. [REDACTED] on 30 July 1949 the plant produced all-metal threshing machines with a capacity of 2 tons of grain per hour.

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